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PART I.

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GENERAL.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The 11th February 1887.

No. 244.—The following rules in modification of Notification by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore No. 153, dated 31st August 1874, are published for general information under the Forest Rules of 1878.

It having been brought to the notice of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that the privilege conceded to ryots of felling wood and bamboos free of charge for certain purposes has been greatly abused in parts of the country, His Highness' Government hereby direct that in future —

1. When an agriculturist, who pays land kandayam for his fields to Government, requires wood for cattle sheds, he must apply first to the Amildar of his Taluk in the form hereto annexed which should be attested by the headman and Shanbhog of his village.

2. The Amildar will then estimate the quantity of unreserved wood and bamboos actually required (the value of such estimate not to exceed one year's kandayam payable by the applicant) and will recommend to the Deputy Commissioner or other officer empowered by him in this behalf the issue of a free pass, which, if granted, shall be in the annexed form.

3. The holder of such a free pass must, when called upon by any Police or Forest Officer, exhibit it as a voucher for his felling and carting away the wood. He must also fell and cart his wood to his village within the time allowed him. The headman of the village will then compare the quantity of wood and bamboos brought in with that allowed, take away the free pass from the holder thereof, endorse it and return it to the Amildar of the Taluk who will transmit it to the Deputy Commissioner. Free wood and bamboos will only be given when actually required, and not as an annual grant up to the value of a ryot's yearly kandayam.

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4. Should the pass be granted for felling unreserved wood and bamboos in a forest which it has been found necessary to close to the public, the holder must return the pass through the Amildar and get one for wood to be felled in an open forest.

5. In taluks exempted from the ordinary operations of the Forest Rules, ryots requiring unreserved wood and bamboos for building dwelling houses or cattle sheds with, will be required to produce recommendations and obtain passes in the manner laid down for the obtaining of wood and bamboos for the building of cattle sheds.

6. Any ryot who shall be convicted of felling wood or bamboos for his cattle sheds or in the exempted taluks for his house or cattle sheds without having duly obtained a free pass or of not returning a time-expired pass or of exceeding the quantity granted him, shall be liable to the penalties laid down in Section 40 of the Mysore Forest Rules.

7. Amildars will be held responsible that the privilege conceded to ryots of taking unreserved wood and bamboos for agricultural purposes is not abused by them. The attention of all Amildars is called to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 633—51 of 25th April 1874, and Notification No. 5 of 23rd April 1873, which define the meaning of the word "Ryot" as used in the Forest Rules, and lay down the extent to which the exempted taluks are not under the ordinary operation of the Forest Rules.

8. It should be understood that the above privileges are but temporarily conceded, until the formation of village forests or the inauguration of any general measures consistent with the due protection of forests. Since the introduction of the survey and settlement into the Province, the ryots have been allowed large concessions as regards trees growing on their lands and concessions under these rules should be sparingly made.

Form of Application to Amildar for unreserved Wood and Bamboos required for cattle shed.

Name of the Ryot, Hobli and Village.	Amount of his Kandayam.	Head of Cattle he possesses.	When Wood and Bamboos last granted.	Quantity of Wood and Bamboos now actually required.	Value.	Amildar's recommendation.

Ryot's Free Pass for unreserved Wood and Bamboos.

Taluk.	Name of Holder, Hobli and Village.	Description of Wood to be felled.	For what purpose granted.	Quantity in cart loads.	Locality where the material is to be felled.	Date on which the Pass is to be returned.	Date on which it was returned.

STATION,
Date

Dy. Commr., or
Forest Officer.